ELDEST LITHUANIAN MP DIES AT 87

VILNIUS, Jul 21, BNS - Juozas Bulovas, the eldest member of the Lithuanian parliament, died Thursday at age 87, officials said. The exact cause of death was not announced. Bulovas was a member of the ruling Lithuanian Democratic Labor Party faction. A special commission has been set up by the parliament to arrange the funeral, which will be held Sunday at the Antakalnio cemetery in Vilnius.

LITHUANIA, LATVIA, U.S. PLAN TO OPEN JOINT AIR ROUTE

VILNIUS, Jul 18, BNS - Lithuanian Airlines (LAL) and the Latvian-U.S. owned Baltic International Airlines (BIA) have announced plans to open a joint Vilnius-Riga-Amsterdam line. If talks succeed, it will be LAL's first international line operated jointly with a foreign company. Talks between LAL and BIA were scheduled to begin July 18 in Vilnius but have been postponed until next week. Jonas Steponavicius head of the Lithuanian company's International Department, says both companies are greatly interested in opening the new line. He told BNS that flights would begin in September if agreement is reached fast enough. There are no regular flights between the two Baltic capitals at present and both airlines are often criticized for that.

MAGAZINE FOR LITHUANIA'S GERMANS BEGINS PRINTING

VILNIUS, Jul 19, BNS - Sveika, Vokietija! (Hello, Germany!), a magazine for Lithuania's German community, has been launched by Baltijos Apzvalga (Baltic Review), the newspaper of Lithuanian-Germans. The new publication will be sold in Lithuania and Germany, and will acquaint its readers with Germany's political, economic, cultural and scientific life, German traditions and customs. The magazine will also publish a German language course. Hello, Germany! has a circulation of 1,000 subscribers.

LITHUANIAN PRIME MINISTER IN BELARUS. Adolfas Slezevicius met with his Belarusian counterpart, Mikhail Chyhir, in Minsk on 18 July. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the implementation and ratification of agreements between the two countries. Slezevicius said that earlier agreements have not been implemented because both sides lack the funds to realize them and because trade between the two countries is not developing. The prime ministers are also to discuss supplies of Lithuanian electricity to Belarus and the export of oil products from Belarus through the Lithuanian port of Klaipeda. -- Ustina Markus, OMRI, Inc.